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Ex parte HARUMI ANNE KUNO, ALAN H. KARP and MICHAEL L. LEMON

Application 10/003,349
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Before MERRELL C. CASHION, JR., Acting Case Management Administrator

COMMUNICATION RELATED TO DECISION ON PETITION

On December 3, 2009, a Decision on Petition was granted to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Decision on Petition at 1. The Decision on Petition also asked for the “re-mailing [of] the Office action of December 27, 2007, and resetting the period for reply. *Id.* at 2.

As of March 30, 2010, “[t]he United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) [has streamlined] the procedure for the review of appeal briefs to increase the efficiency of the appeal process and reduce pendency of appeals.” 75 Fed. Reg. 15689, 15689 (March 30, 2010). As of the same date, “[t]he Chief Judge of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) or his designee (collectively, “Chief Judge”), [has] the sole responsibility for determining whether appeal briefs

filed in patent applications comply with the applicable regulations, and will complete the determination before the appeal brief is forwarded to the examiner for consideration.” *Id.*

Under this authority, the Appeal Brief filed December 9, 2007, has been reviewed under the newly established streamlined procedure and found to comply with the

rules. Accordingly, the application has been placed in the Examiner’s docket for further action as appropriate.

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